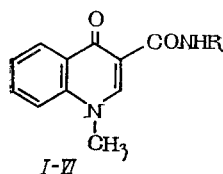


AMIDES OF N-METHYL-4-QUINOLONE-3-CARBOXYLIC ACID

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The synthesis of some amides of N-methyl-4-quinolone-3-carboxylic acid (II-VI) is described:



The study of N-methyl-4-quinolone-3-carboxylic acid derivatives is of interest because compounds of this type are based on a skeleton of a molecule of N-methyl- γ -quinolone: the alkaloid echinopsine, which is one of the effective neuromuscular stimulants [1-2].

Synthesis of the compounds (see Table 1) was accomplished by the reaction of ethyl N-methyl-4-quinolone-3-carboxylate with ammonia or with another compound containing the amino group (hydrazine hydrate, cyclohexylamine [3], N-phenylpropanediamine-1,3 [4], β -piperidino- and β -morpholinoethylamines [5, 6]).

The ethyl N-methyl-4-quinolone-3-carboxylate required for the synthesis of these compounds was prepared by methylation of ethyl 4-hydroxyquinoline-3-carboxylate with methyl iodide in dimethylformamide in the presence of potassium carbonate [7].

The investigation of the effect of the compounds prepared on neuromuscular conductivity showed that they are less active than N-methyl-4-quinolone-3-carboxylic acid itself, reacting like the alkaloid echinopsine.

EXPERIMENTAL

Amide of N-Methyl-4-quinolone-3-carboxylic Acid (I). A mixture of 1 g of ethyl N-methyl-4-quinolone-3-carboxylate and 25 ml of 24% aqueous ammonia was heated at 70-90°C for 5 h. During this time a further 25 ml of the same ammonia solution was added. After cooling, the precipitate was filtered off, washed with water, dried, and recrystallized from alcohol or water. Yield was 75%, mp 276-278°C.

Hydrazine of N-Methyl-4-quinolone-3-carboxylic Acid (II). A mixture of 2.85 g of ethyl N-methyl-4-quinolone-3-carboxylate and 1.25 g of hydrazine hydrate in 40 ml of absolute alcohol was boiled on a water bath for 2.5 h. After evaporation of the alcohol, the residue (1.7 g) was recrystallized from 50 ml of water. Yield was 66%, mp 250-252°C.

Cyclohexylamide of N-Methyl-4-quinolone-3-carboxylic Acid (III). A mixture of 1 g of ethyl N-methyl-4-quinolone-3-carboxylate and 0.5 g of cyclohexylamine was boiled for 3.5 h, then cooled slowly to room temperature, and 10-15 ml of water was added.

The precipitate, well-triturated under water, was filtered off, washed with water, and dried. After several recrystallizations from aqueous alcohol (1:1) a product with mp 200-202°C was obtained. Yield was 70%.

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TABLE 1. Amides of N-Methyl-4-quinolone-3-carboxylic Acid

Compound	NHR	Found (in %)			Empirical formula	Calculated (in %)		
		C	H	N		C	H	N
I	NH ₂	65,47 65,07	5,12 5,14	13,72 13,85	C ₁₁ H ₁₀ N ₂ O ₂	65,33	4,98	13,86
II	NHNH ₂	60,73 60,63	5,08 5,11	19,12 19,51	C ₁₁ H ₁₁ N ₃ O ₂	60,77	5,10	19,35
III	NHC ₆ H ₁₁	71,88 72,00	7,15 7,21	9,58 10,11	C ₁₇ H ₂₀ N ₂ O ₂	71,80	7,09	9,85
IV	NHCH ₂ CH ₂ CH ₂ NHC ₆ H ₅	71,79 72,14	6,38 6,36	12,38 12,59	C ₂₀ H ₂₁ N ₃ O ₂	71,61	6,31	12,53
V	NHCH ₂ CH ₂ N(CH ₂) ₄ CH ₂	68,94	7,38	13,10	C ₁₈ H ₂₃ N ₃ O ₂	68,98	7,39	13,40
		68,82	7,37	13,10				
		64,65	6,66	13,34	C ₁₇ H ₂₁ N ₃ O ₃	64,74	6,71	13,32
		64,98	6,69	13,01				
VI	NHCH ₂ CH ₂ N(CH ₂) ₂ OCH ₂ CH ₂							

γ -Phenylaminopropylamide of N-Methyl-4-quinolone-3-carboxylic Acid (IV). A mixture of 1 g of ethyl N-methyl-4-quinolone-3-carboxylate and 0.75 g of N-phenylpropanediamine-1,3 was boiled for 3 h and cooled to room temperature, and the liquid melt obtained was triturated under water. The precipitate was filtered off, washed, and dried. Yield was 0.9 g (55%), mp 148-149°C (from ethanol).

β -Piperidinoethylamide of N-Methyl-4-quinolone-3-carboxylic Acid (V). A mixture of 1.15 g of ethyl N-methyl-4-quinolone-3-carboxylate and 1.3 g of β -piperidinoethylamine was boiled at 175-180°C for 25 h. It was cooled to room temperature and triturated under water; the compound which crystallized was filtered off and washed with distilled water. Recrystallization of 1.5 g of the dry product from 15 ml of aqueous alcohol yielded 1 g (66.6%) of a compound with mp 121-123°C.

β -Morpholinoethylamide of N-Methyl-4-quinolone-3-carboxylic Acid (VI). A mixture of 1.15 g of ethyl N-methyl-4-quinolone-3-carboxylate and 1.3 g of β -morpholinoethylamine was boiled for 25 h; then the melt was cooled and triturated adding 15 ml of distilled water. This yielded a crystalline product which was filtered off, washed, and dried. Recrystallization of 1 g of the dry product from 4 ml of absolute alcohol yielded 0.7 g (44.8%) of compound with mp 165-167°C.

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